

LEGISLATURE MAY QUIT FRIDAY

TANGLE OVER APPORTIONMENT ONLY CAN PREVENT IT.

Major McClellan Expected to Return the Recount Bill by Thursday—A Fair and Constitutional Apportionment Made Certain—Other Bills in Mayor's Hands.

ALBANY, June 2.—Unless something extraordinary should happen the Legislature will adjourn next Friday. Only getting in a tangle over apportionment can prevent it. That there is no desire on the part of anyone to prolong the stay of the Legislature is evidenced on every hand. Everybody wants to get away except those who draw salaries ranging from \$5 to \$7 a day as long as the Legislature is in session.

Now that it is certain that Mayor McClellan will get the recount bill back to the Legislature by Thursday at the latest, that removes one obstacle that has been in the way of adjournment. The only other matter that can cause a delay in getting away is the reapportionment bill. Before Senator Tully went home last Wednesday the Governor told him that he did not care to look thoroughly into the scheme of apportionment as laid down in the tentative bill that Senator Tully has drawn until after he had finished his Hall of Fame speech. Since Thursday the Governor has had plenty of opportunity to study the question of redistributing the State. To-morrow Gov. Hughes and Senator Tully will confer on the bill, and after this conference it is certain that the bill will be drawn to meet the views of the Governor.

Before Senator Tully submitted his tentative plan he talked with the Governor on his idea of making changes, and the Governor suggested some changes in the shape of queries, such as: "Wouldn't it be better to have that county with another county?"

Often the Governor expressed approval of the plans outlined by Senator Tully. Consequently it isn't believed that there will be any serious differences between Senator Tully and the Governor on any proposition Gov. Hughes will make. Observers of legislation are laughing at what they believe must be the discomfiture of the President pro tem. of the Senate in regard to apportionment. When Senator Raines announced his committee to prepare the bill he and other members of the Old Guard emphatically declared that there would be only two changes made in the apportionment bill of last year, and those changes would correct the districts declared unconstitutional by the Court of Appeals. There would be no changes up State. Yet Senator Tully upset their plans. He wanted to draw a bill that would reflect credit upon himself and one that would stand the test of the courts as well as be approved by the Governor and regardless of the wishes of Senator Raines and the Old Guard he went ahead collecting data and statistics and the result is expected to be the fairest apportionment ever made.

That there will not be two districts in Westchester county is believed by everybody, and Gov. Hughes will not insist upon it either if it is shown that the remainder of the State is divided in a manner that is fair and that no consideration is given to the political fortunes of any one man. Senator Tully has all along been against giving Westchester county two districts. Recently, while he was in New York, he dropped into the Republican Club and it happened that he and other members of the Old Guard met there. Senator Tully declared that he was going to do about giving Westchester two districts. When he told them he was against it no one extended an invitation to him to have luncheon and he ate alone.

It is regarded as certain that the districts of Senators Allis, Hinman, Cassidy, Wilcox and Raines will undergo extensive changes, but not until the Governor expresses himself on how the counties of these districts are to be rearranged will any plan of apportionment be definite. The changes that have already been suggested by the Governor have upset several plans.

To-morrow night the Legislature will pass over Mayor McClellan's veto the public utilities bill. It will then go to the Governor, unless it is held a few days in the Assembly pending a determination on final adjournment in order to make it a thirty day bill. There are many Senators who would like to have the Governor sign the bill and send his nominations of Commissioners to the Senate before it adjourns, but it isn't likely he will. The Senators have given up speculating on who the Commissioners will be, for the Governor says that he will not even hint whom he is going to appoint and will make no official statements pertaining to his appointments. Consequently these Commissioners will be recess appointments and will be confirmed by the Senate next year.

It is hoped that Mayor McClellan will act speedily on the bill providing for a New York City Charter revision commission. This commission is to be appointed by Gov. Hughes and there are fears that Mayor McClellan may object to the Governor naming a commission that New York City is to pay for, and therefore he might veto the bill. If he does it is not believed that the bill could be returned in time to be passed over his veto. Should this commission bill become a law it might make it unpleasant for New York politicians, for if the commission wants to pry into matters very closely the authority is given them to do so in the bill.

Mayor McClellan also has the municipal bill before him, but it is conceded by everybody that he will approve of it. Senator Travis's direct primary nomination bill will come up in the Senate this week and its disposition may incite turmoil because of the opposition of the old line Republicans with a machine bent. Gov. Hughes recommended such legislation in his annual message to the Legislature in January, but he has done nothing since regarding the question. His friends anticipate that Gov. Hughes again will call the attention of the Legislature to the desirability of such legislation now, leaving the question of the adoption of the Massachusetts form of ballot to the next Legislature. While the Travis bill leaves it optional with the county committees to adopt the direct nomination idea, the friends of this form believe even if an optional law is placed upon the statute books public sentiment will compel its recognition and adoption by the political committees.

GRAFTING BY ASHCART MEN.

Complaints of Street Cleaning Drivers Laid Before Jerome.

A protest has arisen on the East Side against the work of the Department of Street Cleaning and charges of graft on the part of drivers and foremen are made. The District Attorney's office has had two or three cases under examination for some time. Michael Brown, secretary of the Janitors' Society, has been making investigations and the data he has collected will be placed before Mr. Jerome.

The Janitors' Society has been ordered around in ordinary clothes about once a week and demand from \$2 to \$3. If it is not forthcoming the driver will sometimes bring a policeman with him and charge the janitor with mixing his garbage and ashes in the same cans, for which offence he may be arrested and fined.

Mr. Brown has endeavored to get evidence against the drivers by watching while the janitor handed over money which had been marked. In every case he tried this, however, the driver made no demand for the money.

WORK FOR PACIFIC SQUADRON.

Shanghai Hears It Is Preparing to Go to Scene of Trouble in China.

LONDON, June 2.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Mail says that the American Pacific Squadron has been ordered to concentrate in view of possible disturbances in the southern provinces of China.

FATHER VAN RENSSLAER ILL.

Falls in the Street With an Attack of Vertigo—Sickens Not Serious.

The Rev. Henry Van Rensselaer, formerly an Episcopal minister but now a Jesuit and assistant rector of St. Francis Xavier's Catholic Church in West Sixteenth street, was taken to the New York Hospital yesterday after being picked up in Broadway, where he had fallen unconscious. He had been the celebrant of the mass at the feast of Corpus Christi yesterday at St. Francis Xavier's and later left to go up town, where he was to hold a service for the Knights of Columbus. He walked to the corner of Broadway and Fifteenth street and was waiting for a car when he fell to the sidewalk.

Two policemen who saw him fall sent in a call for an ambulance and he was taken to the hospital, where he soon recovered consciousness. "I thought an automobile had struck me," he said later, "but it seems that it was only an attack of dizziness. I feel all right now and will leave the hospital to-morrow."

FAILS AGAIN TO END HER LIFE.

Second Attempt of Trained Nurse to Commit Suicide Is Unsuccessful.

Miss Regina Goldner, who has been unsuccessful in ending her life, is again in Bellevue Hospital after another attempt at suicide. On April 5 Miss Goldner, who is 30 years old, was found unconscious in a Third avenue surface car at the Post Office. She had swallowed a quantity of tincture of iodine. She was taken to Bellevue Hospital and discharged a week later.

At that time she told a hard luck story in explanation of the attempt to take her life. She said she was a cook, a seamstress and a trained nurse but was unable to secure employment. To add to her troubles, she said, she suffered from rheumatism, and a ceiling had fallen on her, crippling her right hand. At the time of her former attempt at suicide Miss Goldner was living at 87 Seventh street. After her discharge from Bellevue she went to live at 220 East 120th street.

She was found unconscious at Fifth avenue and 102d street late on Saturday night. This time she had swallowed laudanum. She was removed to the Harlem Hospital and yesterday was transferred to Bellevue. She will recover.

TELEGRAPHERS DEMANDS READY

Both Sides Say That a Western Union Strike Is Unlikely.

The committee of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America, which is this city preparing a memorial to the board of directors of the Western Union Company stating the grievances of the telegraphers announced last evening that copies of the memorial were mailed on Saturday evening to each member of the board of directors of the Western Union Telegraph Company. The company is asked to concede an eight hour work day to all telegraphers working on day shifts, uniform working hours in all the offices throughout the country and a fixed standard of wages in all offices.

In spite of conflicting reports regarding the probability of a strike of the telegraphers, both the officials of the company and the leaders of the union say that no strike will occur. President S. J. Small of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America made the following statement last evening:

It is unfortunate that so many conflicting stories have gained currency in regard to what our intentions are in the matter of adjusting the grievances of the telegraphers employed by the Western Union Company. We will not ask that company to grant another increase of wages at this time. We will, however, insist that the 10 per cent. increase announced to take effect March 1 last be granted to all telegraphers in the employ of the company and that we be given assurance that the "sliding scale" will not be used as a means to take the increase away from us.

Other concessions we will ask will involve little or no expense to the company. It will consist of stopping intimidating tactics, bribery, blacklisting, and other acts that have a tendency to kill the spirit of independent action and make men moral cowards because of the fact that they have to submit to brutal indignities from day to day in order to retain their positions and earn a livelihood at their chosen trade.

WHAT SO RAW AS A DAY IN JUNE

MERCURY DOWN TO 43 IN A 48 MILE NORTHEASTER.

All America North of Key West Frosty and New York With Its Snowstorm Shivers—Now People Say, They Know Not Why, That We Shall Have a Warm July.

A cold surprise April and an unseasonable May in which Corinna, if she had accepted the invitation of the poet to go a-Maying would have got her pink toes frosted, may be succeeded by the most preposterous June that ever frowned on roses and made blue noses. June entered hereabouts, as she did everywhere in the domain of Uncle Sam and his Canadian neighbors, by smashing all records for coolness bordering on frigidity.

Forecasters, when they looked at his temperature map after taking off his galoshes and his fur overcoat, said things that are seldom printed in a forecaster's prediction. His assistant, Mr. Long, who has distinguished himself in Arctic exploration in a temperature about 80 degrees below zero, after dismissing the Esquimaux dog sled which brought him down to the American Surety Building from his home in the snow smitten regions of East New York, said he had not felt so much at home since he got nipped with Greely.

The figures in the case show that never in the history of the Weather Bureau has there been so cold a June day. The nearest approach to yesterday's record, when the lowest temperature was 45 degrees and the average for the day was 48, was on June 10, 1881, when the average was 53 degrees.

There was not a single town in all North America that had a normal June temperature, except Key West, which was tropical enough to be almost normal, with the thermometer registering 80 degrees.

Swift Current, in Assiniboia, near Moosejaw, which occasionally has phenomenal drops, was only five degrees cooler than New York. Medicine Hat, where one naturally would expect fearsome things, came second to New York, with the official mercury down at 44 degrees. Calgary, on the Bow and Elbow River, had the record of the continent, with 34 degrees. Atlanta was shivering under 36 degrees and Eastport Me., slept under blankets, with 38 degrees.

Coney Island, certain parts of Brooklyn and some districts of The Bronx had the distinction of having the only real snowstorms within reach of the Weather Bureau's forecasters.

The cyclone that caused the trouble came within range of the observers on Monday in the lower Rooky Mountain region. It moved sluggishly, as there was a high pressure in its path. It appeared in southwest Texas on Decoration Day and started northeast, moving finally into the lower Ohio Valley. Naturally, it dragged down the temperature on tap in the Northwest and North.

A high pressure to the north and east of New York shunted it southward and yesterday afternoon it swirled off the Virginia coast. It did not create fierce gales in this neighborhood. The maximum velocity was forty-eight miles, occurring several times in the morning and afternoon, and the highest record along the coast was fifty-two miles at Block Island. It was not the force of the wind that told so much as its chill. There is a local impression to-day that there will be gleams of sunshine to-day. The wind had got around to the north late last night and was exhibiting a westerly tendency.

Washington appears to have a feeling that another cold wave will follow yesterday's, and that the summer, due nineteen days hence, may have to be postponed on account of the weather. Prof. Alfred J. Henry, a Washington forecaster, says that there is a cold area based in this direction that is now over Montana and the Dakotas and will keep the temperature on the Atlantic coast from coming up to its seasonable average. The professor seemed to think that the normal temperature might not get around until a week or so hence.

The excursion business was swatted in a manner unremembered by the most voracious veterans in the business. There were no boats to Coney Island, and the Grand Republic, which was to have taken a party up the Hudson to Newburgh, gave up the job because not enough excursionists appeared to pay the wages of one deckhand. Usually on the first Sunday in June the Iron steamboats take about 25,000 persons to Coney. Signs at the embarking points seemed to indicate that the boats were not running, on account of the weather.

About 100 persons who came around to look at the signs did not seem disappointed after reading them. The three fishing boats, the Angler, Taurus and Isabel took a very limited number of fishermen in the direction of the Choptank Bays. They did not tarry long, as wind and sea and rain and chill were too much for even the veterans, and no self-respecting fish would bite on a day like yesterday.

There is a suspicious "low" in northwest Texas, maybe after all the hope of a few shafts of sunlight to-day is merely a spring dream of a melancholy forecaster.

RAD STORM AT ATLANTIC CITY.

Much Damage Done to Craft and Property by a Gale.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., June 2.—A fifty mile northeast gale driving sheets of rain swept the coast to-day with one of the worst storms of the year. Inlet yachts were piled on banks and docks by the wind and heavy seas, and everything loose on the big piers was carried off by the gale.

Life savers were laid off for the summer yesterday, leaving only the captains of the stations to guard the coast, but no wrecks were reported up until to-night.

The high tides flooded the back end of the city and tied up trolley tracks on the lower lines across the meadows. Thousands of feet of lumber were washed off the partly constructed bridge across Egg Harbor bay at Somers Point, and the tug Adolph was smashed against piling and partly sunk. William Jones, an oiler, was swept off the decks while trying to save the vessel and picked up barely alive nearly a mile below by a volunteer rescue crew.

NEWSWOMEN IN THE CATAKILS.

CATAKIL, N. Y., June 2.—Two June snowsqualls to-day whitened the mountain peaks in the Catskill range. There was a heavy downpour of rain in Hudson Valley. Snow is also reported in the mountain peaks, the thermometer showing 59 degrees at midday.

FIRE KILLS EIGHT IN NEWARK.

Turn Hall and a Block of Tenements Ablaze in Early Morning.

NEWARK, N. J., June 3.—Fire in Turn Hall caused the death of four men, one woman and three children, early this morning according to reports received from the scene of the fire at 2:10.

A block of tenements has been destroyed and the fire is still burning.

BLAZE ON THE OCEANIC.

Discovered in Second Cabin—Vessel Is Docked at White Star Pier.

Fire was discovered early this morning in the after cabin of the White Star liner Oceanic, lying at Pier 49 in the North River. The fireboat McClellan and one engine company got to work immediately and held the flames in check.

The Oceanic docked last Thursday and she is not to sail until Wednesday, so there were no passengers on board. There was, however, much cargo still in the hold, as the work of discharging it had been hampered by the longshoremen's strike.

The fire was still smoldering at a late hour, but it was believed to be well under control.

LA PROVENCE ON TIME, MAYBE.

A Plight If Not for Those Who Have Taken Passage Hence on Her.

Paul Faguet, agent of the French Line at this port, received yesterday from his home office in Havre a despatch saying that the company believed that the strike of French sailors would be ended shortly and that the delayed career of the line, La Provence, might be able to get away soon. She was scheduled to sail from Havre on Saturday. Mr. Faguet said he would get another cable message from the home office to-day. He said that he believed La Provence would be able to leave Havre either to-morrow or Wednesday, which will enable her to reach New York in time to sail on schedule on Thursday, June 13.

Every berth aboard her is taken and if she should not get here those who have engaged passage in her will have a hard time getting accommodation on ships of other lines, as they have no room to spare. Mr. Faguet was optimistic. He said he was sure that La Provence would arrive in time to sail on schedule or near it. When she is pushed she can make Sandy Hook from Havre in six days and 40 cents an hour for all holiday work and work done during the meal hour. A resolution to that effect and copies of the resolution signed by Patrick Connors, president; David Eastwood, secretary, and the members of the executive committee will be sent to the different dock superintendents early to-day.

PIER STRIKERS NEW DEMANDS.

Will Be Content With Less Than 40 and 60 Cents an Hour.

The leaders of the striking longshoremen at a special meeting in Hudson Hall, Hudson and Leroy streets, yesterday decided not to give up the fight, but to send to the steamship companies modified demands, for which the strikers say they will stand out.

The original demands were 40 cents an hour for day work, 60 cents an hour for night work and 60 cents an hour for work done on holidays and Sundays and during dinner hour. The modified demands are 35 cents an hour for day work, 50 cents an hour for night work and 40 cents an hour for all holiday work and work done during the meal hour. A resolution to that effect and copies of the resolution signed by Patrick Connors, president; David Eastwood, secretary, and the members of the executive committee will be sent to the different dock superintendents early to-day.

"We will appeal to the labor unions for moral and financial support and ask for public sentiment in our favor. The rates we ask are paid by the Savannah Line, and some other line, and if the wages we ask now are not conceded the strike will continue, even if we have to seek other companies. We can go before the public with a clean record, in spite of exaggerated reports of riots."

It is considered doubtful if the companies, in view of the stand they have taken, will pay any attention to the modified demands. They have gone on record all along as declaring that they could not advance the wages one cent, that they could not afford to do so; that when they went into the fight they realized that it would cost them a good deal of money and loss of freight and that the only way in which the strikers could be reemployed would be individually at the rates against which they struck.

WAS INSURED FOR \$450,000.

Man Who Was Pressed by Creditors Falls From Roof and Is Killed.

LAWRENCE, Kan., June 2.—Ludius H. Perkins, who fell off the top of his home in this city, died last night without regaining consciousness.

Perkins went up to the roof, but nobody knows what he went for. A man working on the place saw him topple over and gave the alarm. Perkins carried life insurance amounting to about \$450,000, most of which was taken last year.

Perkins had been pressed financially for some time. It is said that he gave notes for insurance premiums amounting to \$16,000 and that they are now here for collection.

FORGER COMMITS SUICIDE.

School Principal Takes Poison After His Misdeeds Are Exposed.

BOSTON, June 2.—Edrie Davis Brooks, principal of the Topfield High School, organ in the Congregational church of this town, committed suicide by taking poison last evening following the exposure that he was a forger.

Speculation and a fondness for fast automobiles are believed to have been the cause of his downfall.

Brooks, who was 28 years old, went to Salem yesterday in his new touring car. At the Mercantile National Bank he presented a check for \$500. The cashier did not like the signature and telephoned to the man whose name was at the bottom of the check. The latter replied that the check was a forgery.

After the police had been consulted Brooks was allowed to depart, leaving his auto as security. He took a train to Beverly, where he purchased some morphine and some cyanide of potassium. He swallowed some of the former poison during the afternoon when he learned upon his return to Topfield that his misdoings had been brought to light. Later he swallowed the cyanide.

AFTER HIS USHER'S THE SCOTCH

that made the nightfall famous—Aga.

4 BROOKLYN YACHTSMEN LOST

ONLY ONE OF FIVE WHO WENT SAILING ON THE SOUND SAVED.

Edward Auth Picked Up by a Tug and Taken to New Haven After Their Sloop Capsized—Jacob Auth, George Glaser, August Jaeger and Otto Pfleger Drowned.

NEW HAVEN, June 2.—Edward Auth, aged 24, who lives at 182 Saratoga avenue, Brooklyn, and who is a foreman in the Devco Telephone Manufacturing Company's works at 27 Rose street, New York, was picked up in the Sound, off Norwalk, about 3 o'clock this afternoon partly clinging and partly lashed to the auxiliary power sloop The Belle, of Brooklyn.

Four companions, one his brother, were drowned. Capt. McColderick of the tug Wyoming of New York, bound for Boston, saw the overturned sloop.

Auth was almost dead from exhaustion and exposure when he was rescued. The Wyoming put in this city to-night and Auth was removed to the New Haven hospital. He was delirious, but will recover.

According to the story told by Auth to the pilot of the Wyoming, in his rational moments, he and his brother, Jacob Auth, August Jaeger, Otto Pfleger and George Glaser, all members of the Williamsburg Yacht Club, started out on Thursday morning in the sloop for a trip up the Sound. They arrived in New Haven Saturday afternoon, having stopped at Port Jefferson and Oyster Bay. After remaining here a few hours they started for Bridgeport, reaching there without mishap. They spent the night in Bridgeport.

This morning they began the return trip to New York, leaving Bridgeport at 6 o'clock.

A high sea was running at the time and it was blowing hard and raining. The sloop behaved very well, rough as it was, until about three miles off Norwalk. Then something went wrong with the motor machinery and they started to make repairs. It was while they were at work fixing up the motor that a big wave struck the boat and overturned it.

The five men were thrown into the water. Edward Auth got to the sloop first and he aided the others to reach the boat by throwing a line to each in turn. The boat upset 11 o'clock. There was no vessel in sight to give aid, and one by one the four young men, benumbed with the cold, lost their hold on the sloop and were washed away and drowned.

Edward Auth was the only one who had strength enough to hold on. His brother Jacob was the last of the lost quartet to give up the fight for life. They had been tossed about for four hours before Jacob Auth went down.

For another hour, with hope gone, Edward Auth clung to the sloop. He had managed to get hold of a rope and partly lashed himself to the boat. He was nearly unconscious when picked up by the crew of the Wyoming.

August Jaeger was the husband of Helen Auth, a sister of Jacob and Edward, and lived at 126 Saratoga avenue.

The Auths have had the sloop Belle for four years and took frequent trips.

Charles Auth, a third brother, left his home at 78 Trinity place, died last night of heart disease at the home of his son, W. N. B. Perine, at the Hotel La Marquise, 12 East Thirty-first street.

Mr. Perine, who was 65 years old, came here yesterday from his home in Newburgh, N. J., to have dinner with his son. About 10 o'clock he and the son walked over to Sixth avenue and Thirty-first street to get a cab to the ferry. As they were about to enter the cab the elder man staggered and fell into the arms of the cabman. He was hurried in the cab back to the hotel. Dr. H. J. Schwartz of 89 East Thirty-first street was sent for, but Mr. Perine was dead before he could get to the hotel.

MRS. STEINDLER IN AUTO SMASH.

American Woman Badly Hurt in Paris—Racer Dodey Blamed.

PARIS, June 2.—While a party of Americans were automobile through the Bois de Boulogne to-day en route to Versailles, a racing car, traveling at the rate of over thirty miles an hour, crashed into the first American car, which contained Edward Steindler and his wife of New York and two friends.

The two other cars following, occupied by Messrs. Livermore and Lammie, escaped uninjured. Mrs. Steindler was badly injured. Mr. Steindler and a courier were slightly hurt. The accident occurred near the Pré Catalan.

The car was struck with such force that it was cut almost in two. Mr. Steindler was thrown from the car, and the race car was driving the automobile which ran into him.

Mr. and Mrs. Steindler live at 311 West 107th street. They sailed for Europe on May 17 on the Kaiserin Augusta Victoria and returned to New York on the Kaiserin Augusta Victoria, according to postal cards received by friends here.

Mr. Steindler has large mining and railroad interests in the Canadian Northwest. Mrs. Steindler's maiden name was Frank. Her mother, Mrs. Louise Frank, lives at their address on 107th street.

CLERGYMAN GOT THE WARRANT

On Which Albert, Whom He Had Married, Was Arrested for Bigamy.

Louis Albert, who lived at 104 West Ninety-sixth street, was arrested at that address last night and locked up in Police Headquarters, charged with bigamy.

Albert was arrested on a warrant sworn out by the Rev. Lincoln A. Moore, pastor of the Riverside Baptist Church. Little could be learned about the arrest, as all the people concerned in the case refused to discuss it.

"The story is one of the most pathetic that has ever come to my knowledge," said Mr. Moore last night, "and I do not feel at liberty to discuss it. I only hope Albert will get what he deserves, as he is a bad man and was cruel to his wife."

Mr. Moore was the minister who married Albert to his first wife in Philadelphia some years ago. The first wife was Irma Albert and is now in Atlantic City. She learned that Albert had married again and asked the clergyman to investigate. Mr. Moore found that under the name of Albert Fair Albert had married a second time in this city. Who his second wife is Mr. Moore would not tell, but he said that she was quite well known here and that she was now in the city with her mother.

POLAND SPRING HOUSE OPENED JUNE 1

Thirty-second season; golf links new condition. Information, Poland Spring office, 1100 Broadway, N. Y. Tel. 678 Main 34.—Aga.

LIGHTNING STRIKES BALLOON.

Tragedy in a Cloud Follows Review for King and Queen of Italy.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

ROME, June 2.—The King and Queen were present to-day at a review of the garrison in the Farnesina Field. A war balloon, in charge of Capt. Ulivelli, ascended. When it was at a height of 1,500 feet a gust of wind blew it into a cloud, whence came a flash of lightning. The balloon immediately caught fire, and the sound of an explosion was heard.

A cry of horror arose from the enormous crowd as the balloon fell into space. Capt. Ulivelli was found unconscious and died in a few hours. He was visited by the King before his death.

CROKER WON'T BE AN M. P.

Nor Enter Irish Politics as a Nationalist, He Declares.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, June 2.—Richard Croker telegraphs as follows to the correspondent of THE SUN regarding the report that he will become a naturalized British subject and enter Parliament as a Nationalist: "There is no foundation at all for the report. I have no intention to ever enter politics."

MAY RETURN BERTHA BEILSTEIN.

German and British Authorities Notified to Look Out for Her.

PITTSBURGH, June 2.—Bertha Beilstein, who escaped from the Dixmont Insane Asylum eight months ago and who departed last week for Europe, may be arrested as soon as she lands. Both the British and the German authorities have been notified of Bertha's departure by their representatives in this country, and if they object to her presence on the grounds that she is an escaped lunatic and a matricide she will be sent back.

The relatives of the girl will not do anything to have her brought back, nor will the Dixmont authorities. She has never been discharged by the court from the Dixmont asylum, but every one here seems glad that she has gone.

FINDS CHIFFONIER IN FLAMES.

Fire in the Lexington Burns \$1,000 Worth of Mrs. Woerz's Gowns.

When Mrs. Fred W. Woerz, wife of the brewer, went to dress for dinner early last night in her apartments on the seventh floor of the Lexington, Seventieth street and Central Park West, she found her chiffonier in flames. An alarm was turned in, but by the time the firemen arrived and dragged their hoses up the seven flights the flames were extinguished by the employees of the building.</